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FROM BEIRUT APRIL 25, REPEATED TO YOU:

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SUBJECT: SOVIET ROLE IN " BIG LIE" RE US ACTIVITIES IN ME

REF: BEIRUT 4754 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, LOCAL FEDAYEEN AND
COMMUNIST MEDIA HAVE PICKED UP RADIO ISRAEL BROADCAST CITED
AMMAN 2196 (NOTAL) AND ARE USING IT TO EMBELLISH " BIG LIE"
FOR ALL IT IS WORTH. COMMUNIST PRESS, IN PARTICULAR, IS
PROMOTING ANTI- US PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AT HIGH
PITCH, DEVELOPMENT WHICH LEADS US SUSPECT THAT SOVS
ARE ACTIVE INSTIGATORS, AS WELL AS BIG BENEFICIARIES, OF " BIG
LIE" AND THAT THEY ARE ENJOYING ITS SUCCESS. END SUMMARY.

1. APR 24 PLO (WAFI) DAILY BULLETIN PRINTED LENGTHY QUOTES
FROM ISRAELI RADIO TO EFFECT THAT CIA EFFORTS TO COMBAT ARAB
TERRORISM ARE CONTINUING AND THAT US INTELLIGENCE KNOWS
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FINANCIAL SOURCES BEHIND BSO/ FATAH. IN ONE OF MOST VITRIOLIC EXPRESSIONS OF FEDAYEEN HOSTILITY TOWARD USG WE HAVE SEEN TO DATE, WAFI' S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT COMMENTED THAT ISRAELI BROADCAST REPRESENTS FINAL PROOF OF TOTAL US INVOLVEMENT IN ISRAEL' S " WAR AGAINST PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" AND IS PRELUDE TO FURTHER " JOINT US- ISRAELI TERROR OPERATION" AIMED AT ERASING PALESTINIANS AS POLITICAL FORCE IN ME.

2. ABOVE WAFI ARTICLE RECEIVED PROMINENT TREATMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNIST DAILY AN NIDA APR 25. LATTER PAPER, ALONG WITH COMMUNIST WEEKLY AL AKHBARS DAY MAY 2 ON QZ448 WITH NO OVERNIGHT RETURNING TO LUSAKA THE SAME EVENING ON QZ449. (THURSDAY FLIGHTS LIVINGSTONE- LUSAKA NO LONGER IN SERVICE.) COULD THEN DEPART LUSAKA THURSDAY ON QZ514 ETD 0950 ETA NAIROBI 1455 OR EC954 ETD 1730 ETA NAIROBI 2100; SATURDAY DEPART NAIROBI 1420 VIA QC433 ETA KINSHASA 1845.

6. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING MAKE TENTATIVE BOOKINGS ON BASIS PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, BUT SUGGESTS WOOD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY REARRANGING ITINERARY WITH ZAMBIAN VISIT TO PRECEED NAIROBI- TREETOPS STOP ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: QZ501 ETD NAIROBI 1810 SUNDAY APRIL 29 ETA LUSAKA 2000; QZ444 TO LIVINGSTONE AT 0940 MONDAY APRIL 30; QZ449 TO LUSAKA AT 1840 WEDNESDAY MAY 2 ; QZ514 AT 0950 THURSDAY MAY 3 TO NAIROBI ETA 1455; QC433 AT 1420 SATURDAY TO KINSHASA ETA 1845. NELSON UNQUOTE ROGERS

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